

GAME NOTES

Cowichan Valley Capitals at

Wenatchee Wild



Saturday March 16, 2019 7:05 pm

BCHL INTERIOR DIVISION SEMIFINAL - Game 2

Tonight the #3 seed Wenatchee Wild and #8 seed wild card Cowichan Valley Capitals meet in Game 2 of the BCHL Interior Division Semifinals. The Capitals play in the Island Division but qualified for the playoffs as a crossover wild card team and were assigned the #8 seed in the Interior Conference. Cowichan Valley leads the series, 1-0.

HEAD TO HEAD (REG.SEASON): The Wild and Capitals have met just 8 times in the four years since Wenatchee joined the BCHL. The first ever meeting was a tie, and the Capitals won their first visit to Wenatchee in overtime. The Wild have won the last six in a row to lead the all-time series 6-0-1-1.

LAST NIGHT: The Capitals got on the board :29 seconds into the game, and never trailed though Wenatchee tied the score at 1-1 and 2-2. David Melaragni's third period score stood as the game winner. Wenatchee outshot the Capitals 36-17.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Lucas Sowder (6g, 7a) leads the entire BCHL in scoring this postseason, while Murphy Stratton (4g, 4a) and Blake Bargar (3g, 4a) rank in the top 15. Cowichan Valley has Niko Selivanov (3g, 4a) and Paul Selleck (2g, 4a) leading the way up front with defenseman David Melaragni (4g, 1a) coming up with timely goals. Capital goalie Pierce Diamond leads all playoff goalies with a .946 save pct.

WEN PP - 7/26 **SPECIAL TEAMS:** 26.9% 3rd WEN PK - 4/22 81.8% 8th (POSTSEASON) CV PP - 2/19 10.5% 16th CV PK - 6/3381.8% 9th

PLAYOFF PATH: Wenatchee advanced to the second round after defeating West Kelowna in seven games. Cowichan Valley advanced by eliminating the Penticton Vees in six games.

MOVING ON: Games 3 and 4 of this series will be played Tuesday and Wednesday night at 7:05 pm at the Island Savings Centre in Duncan, BC. If necessary, Game 5 returns to Town Toyota Center Friday March 22 at 7:05 pm.

BCHL TONIGHT: All three of the other BCHL Playoff Series play Game 2 tonight, with Trail at Vernon, Prince George at Chilliwack, and Powell River visiting Victoria.

LAST NIGHT IN THE BCHL: In the other Interior Conference series, #7 Trail took Game 1 on the road at #4 Vernon by a score of 3-1. In the Mainland Division, #2 Prince George crowned #1 Chilliwack 7-0, and on the Island, #1 Victoria held serve on home ice with a 4-1 win over #2 Powell River.

MEDIA: Tonight's game will be aired locally on "NewsRadio 560 KPQ" and streamed free world wide, and also available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.